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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: Gold Bracelets for E & E Survival Kits

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1. Twenty-four carat gold link bracelets are commonly used in the Orient for hoarding wealth. The links generally represent a specific monetary denomination of the country of origin and therefore vary in size. Although the value of gold is universally recognized, natives in remote areas lack weighing devices and prefer to deal in fixed amounts representing currency with which they are familiar. Bracelets are made to order by goldsmiths in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Saigon, and other cities.

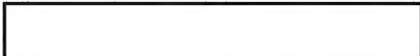
2. Since the possession of gold in this form is considerably less damning than the coins we have previously used -- even in areas where private ownership of gold is severely restricted --, it is recommended that the gold coins now held by OSA be returned to Finance Branch/OSA for disposal and that the following bracelets containing 24 carat gold worth \$100 U. S. be procured through DD/P:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>For</u>
2	Hong Kong	
4	Hong Kong	
6	Saigon	

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3. Although bracelets can be made for any desired amount, those containing more than \$100 in gold are considered to be too unwieldy.

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